**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** [x] Area Agency on Aging Directors  
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**FYI:**

**Subject:** Local Breast Health Partnerships and Related Activities

**Programs Affected:**

[x] Title III-B  
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**BACKGROUND:**

The growing incidence of breast cancer in women is now a major public health issue. The fact that the risk of breast cancer increases with age is of particular concern to the aging services network. Mammogram, clinical breast exams and breast self-examination are the best strategies for detecting this disease in its early stage, when it is most treatable.

Special note must be made of the fact that younger women request the majority of mammograms and breast health services provided, but the majority of breast cancers occur in older women who are over age fifty. There is a clear need to educate, encourage and provide breast health services and mammograms specifically to older women.

**STRATEGY:**

The N.Y.S. Department of Health has received federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control to augment the long-standing state funded comprehensive program of breast health outreach and screening. The goal is to increase significantly the percentage of older women receiving breast health services throughout the state. The Department of Health has established a local Breast Health Partnership in each county. These groups seek to involve community based agencies in education, outreach, breast and cervical cancer screenings and follow-up counseling, referral and related services. The Partnerships can provide low-cost/no cost services to women whose financial resources are limited.
N.Y.S. Office for the Aging actively supports this health promotion effort. SOFA asks each Area Agency to contact the Breast Health partnership in your area and to establish activities which will inform and attract older persons to the educational and screening services. A list of the Partnerships is attached. (The Partnership network has been given the list of Area Agencies and already may have initiated contact with your office.)

Suggested tactics include presentations at senior centers and clubs, activities conducted within the framework of your Health Promotion program, and distribution of leaflets through home-delivered-meal routes, caregiver groups, senior employment programs and transportation systems.

Your agency also should note the phone number of the Breast Cancer Hotline which provides information, referrals and support in both English and Spanish: 1-800-877-8077 (on Long Island, 516-877-4444).

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